

Application No. 10/804,833
Amendment dated April 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2005

Election

Applicants elect the species of Fig. 9 and related figures that illustrate a method of quilting with a multi-needle quilting machine having at least two rows of stitching elements. In a telephone call with the Examiner on April 12, 2005, Applicants confirmed "Fig. 8" stated in the restriction should have referred to Fig. 9. This election is without traverse.

Remarks

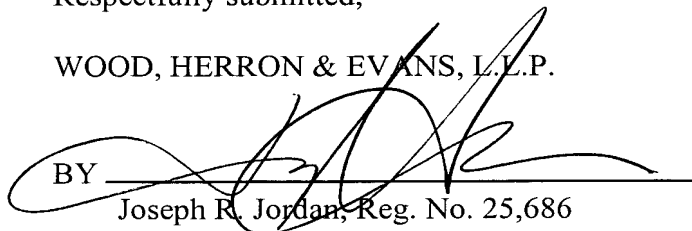
Applicants have elected for prosecution the species illustrated in Fig. 9 relating to a method of quilting with a multi-needle quilting machine having at least two groups of stitching elements. Original method claims 15-18 read on the elected species. New method claims 22-35 also read on this species. Original claim 1 as amended reads on one embodiment of a quilting machine capable of performing the claimed method. New claims 36-41 also read on such an apparatus. While both the method and apparatus claims cover subject matter not covered by the other, their scope overlaps. Accordingly, it is submitted that both can be examined in the present application.

Claims 2-14 and 19-21 are canceled. Applicants have also amended the specification, drawings and claims to correct minor errors.

A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed for 4 total claims over 21 (21 total claims paid at time of filing). Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such extension is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached four sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I and 9L. These sheets, which includes Figs. 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9L and 9M, replaces the original four sheets including Figs. 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9L and 9M.

Attachment: 4 Replacement Sheets
4 Annotated Sheet showing Changes

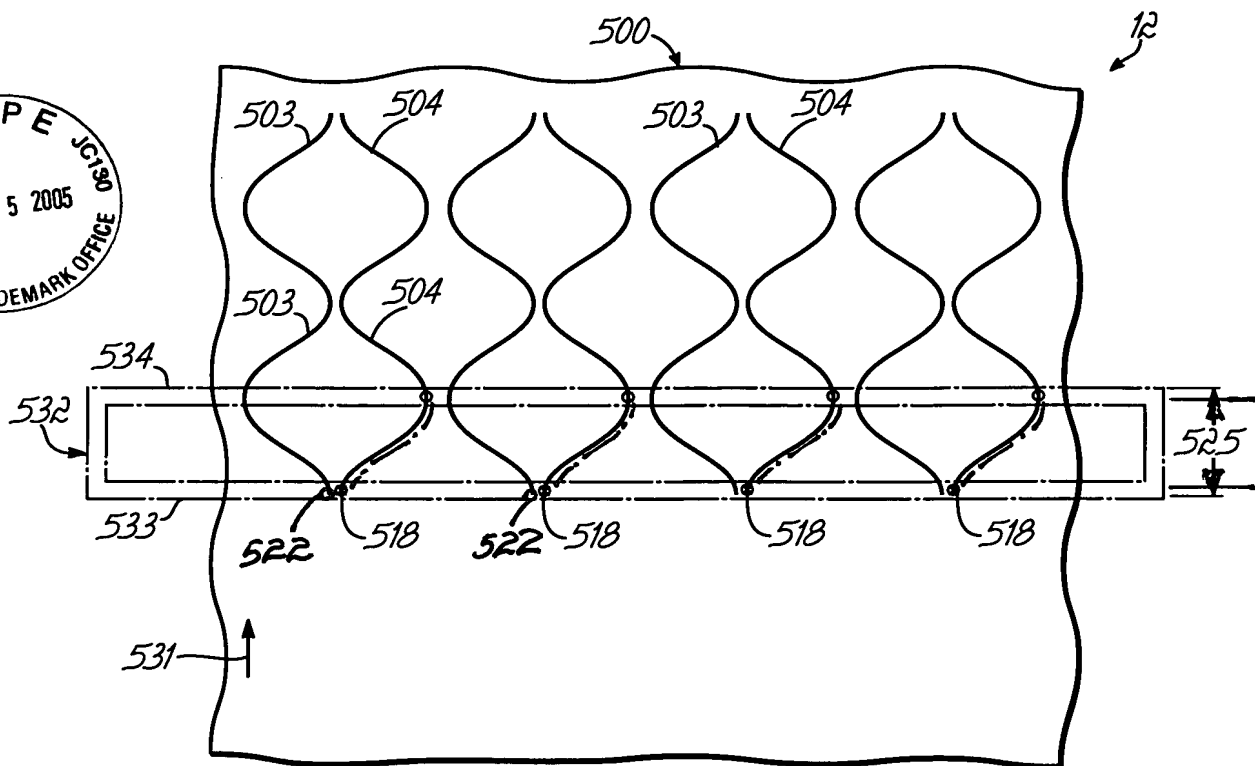


FIG. 9E

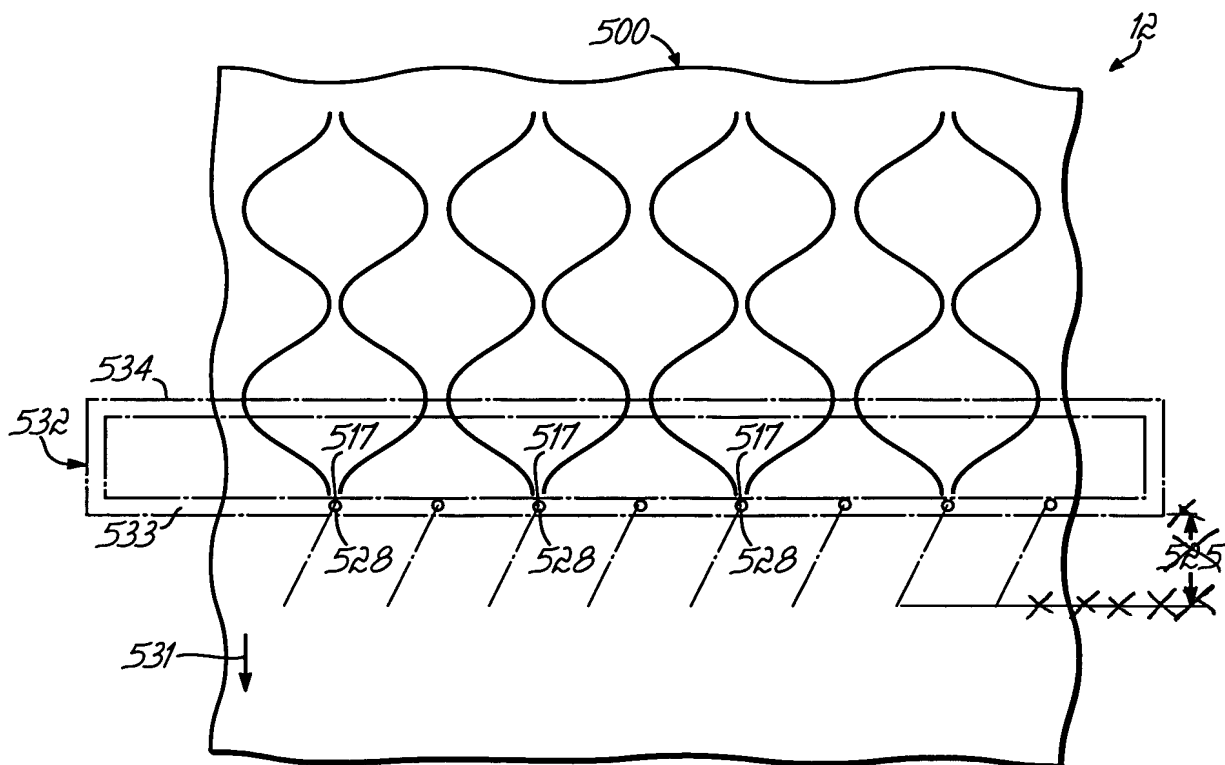


FIG. 9F

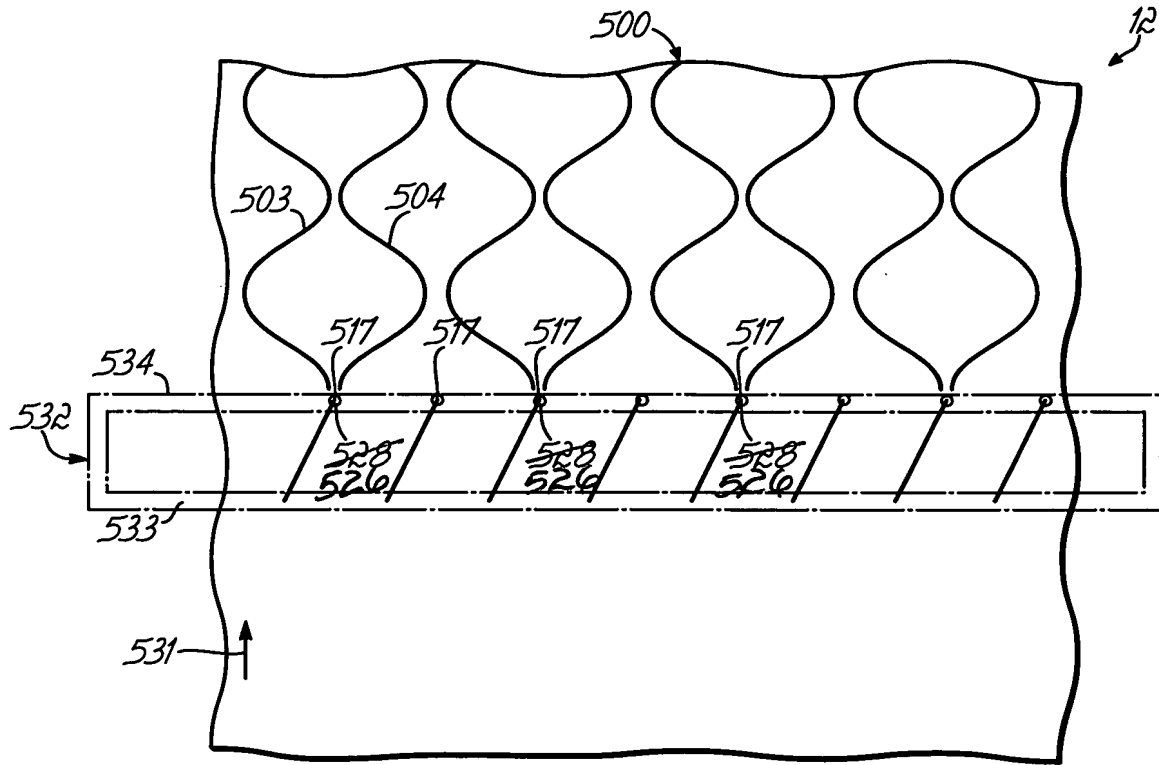


FIG. 9G

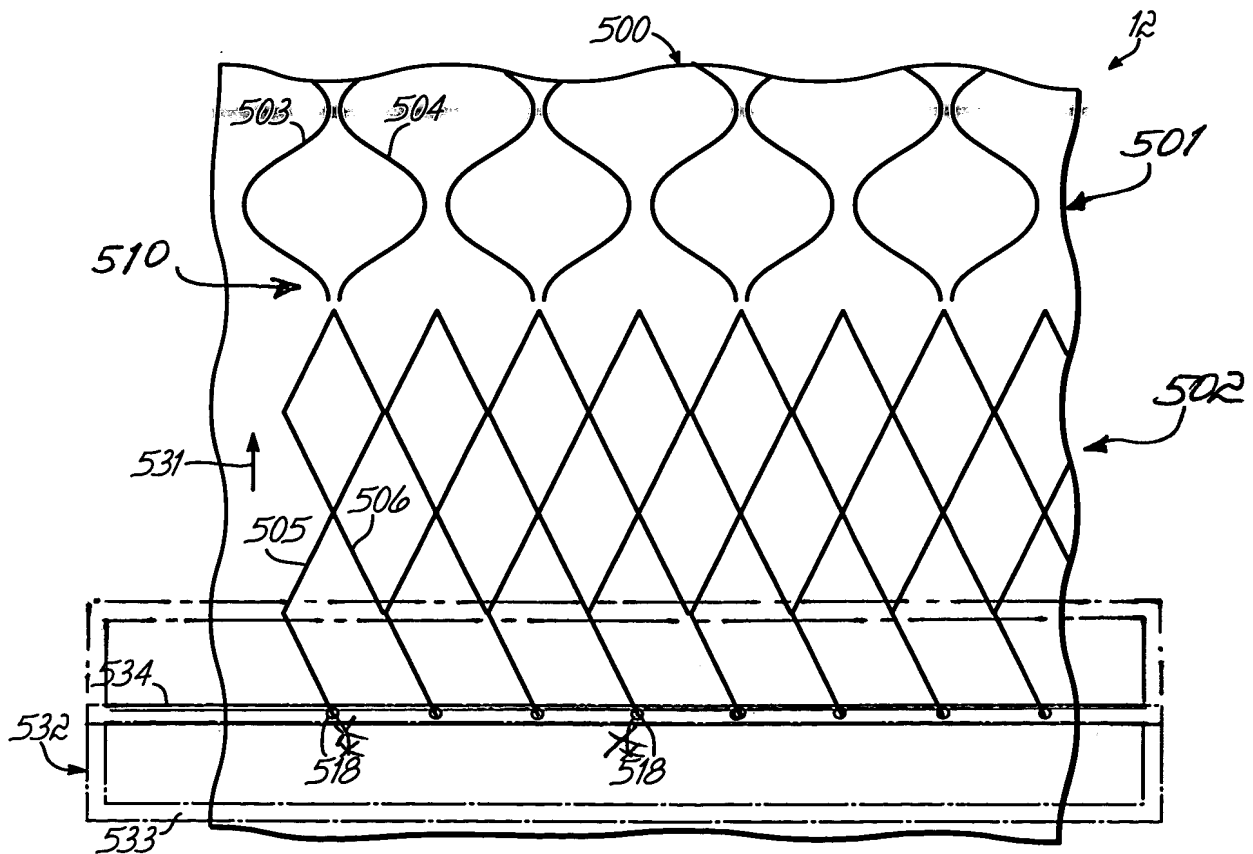


FIG. 9H

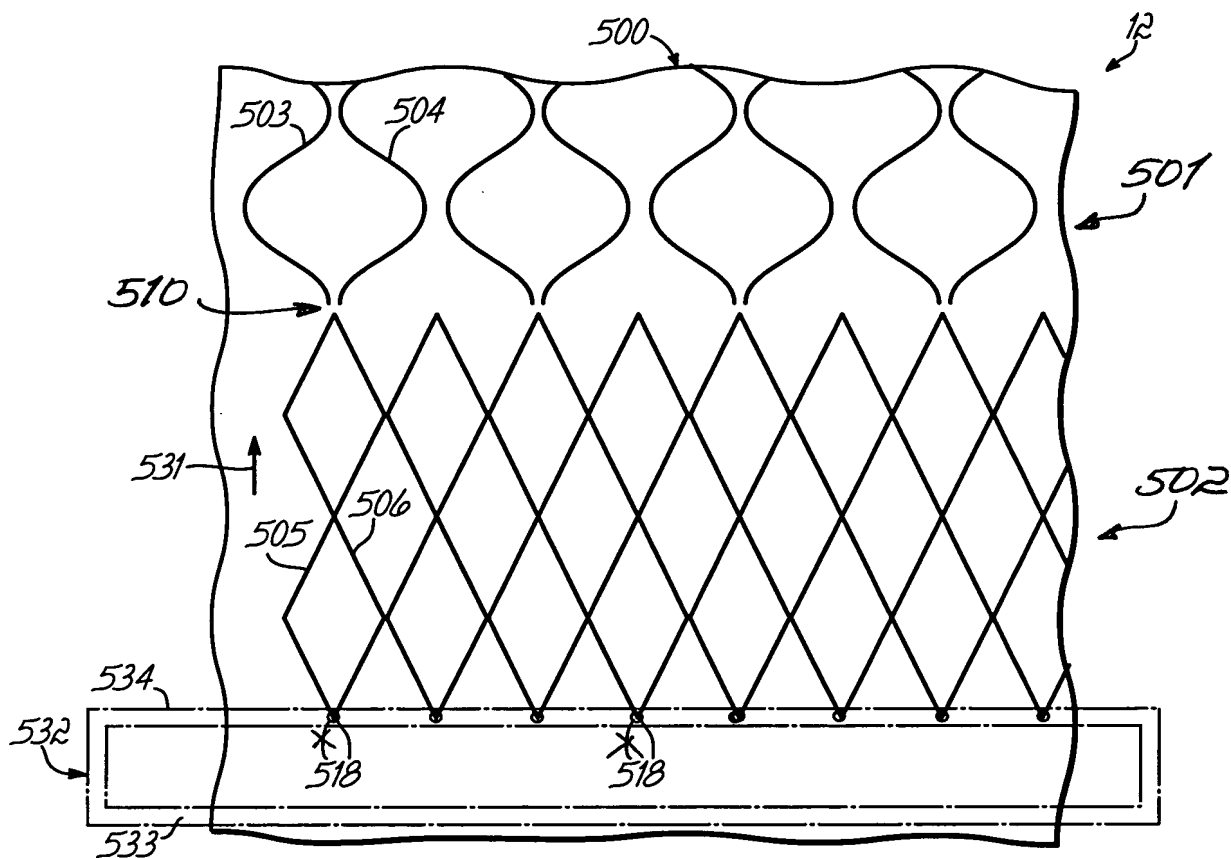


FIG. 9I

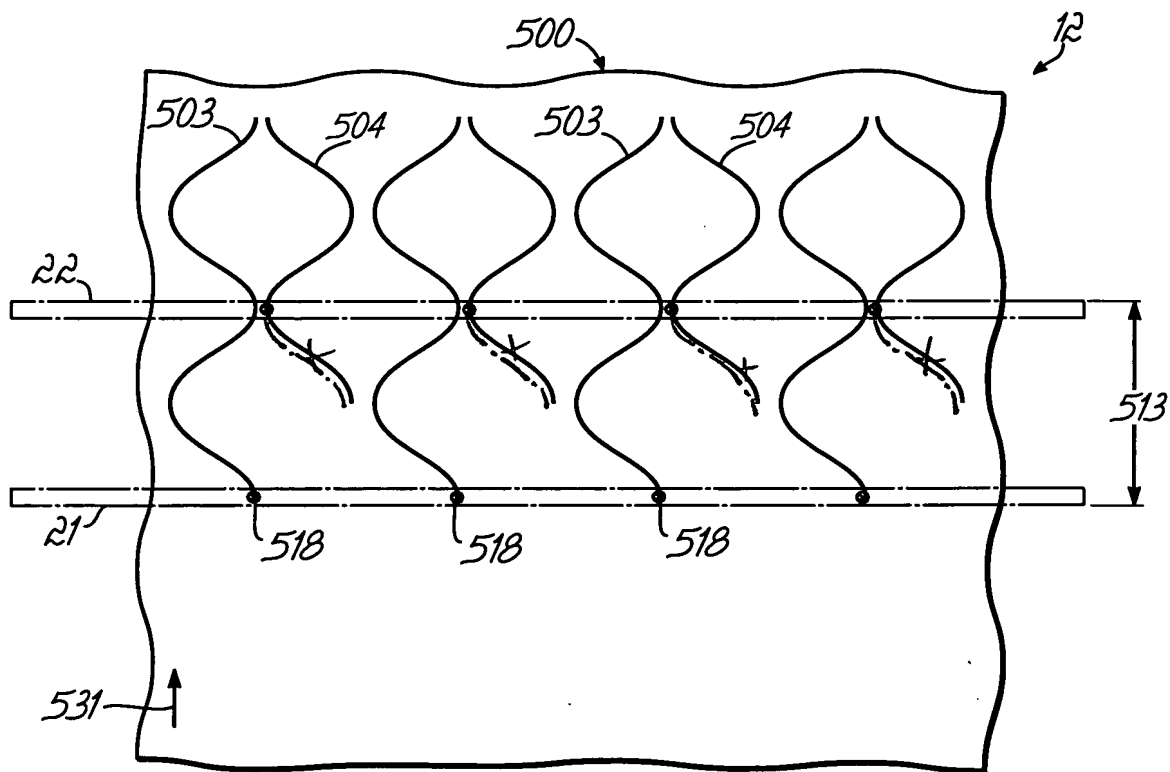


FIG. 9L

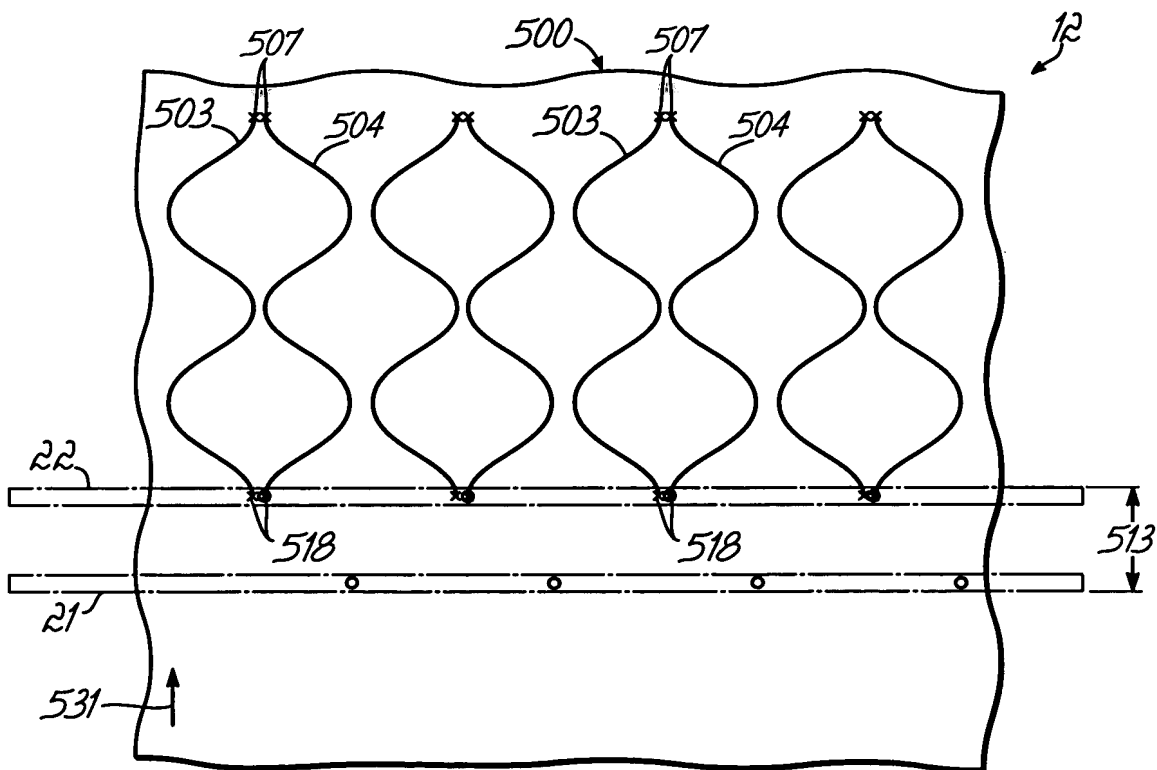


FIG. 9M